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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s) Mendicino, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/488,672 (U.S. Patent No. 5,783,720)  
Issued July 21, 1998

Group Art Unit: 1621

Reissue Filed: January 20, 2000

Examiner: P. Shaver

Title: SURFACE-ACTIVE ADDITIVES IN THE DIRECT SYNTHESIS OF  
TRIALKOXYSILANES

Date: May 20, 2002

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

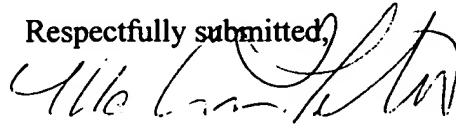
**Remarks**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

In the March 21 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the reissue application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter of surrendering the original patent. To that end, we submit herewith the original patent in its entirety.

This reissue application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further inquiries about the issues discussed hereinabove, or any other issue relating to this application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative, the undersigned, at (301) 924-9600.

Respectfully submitted,



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